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MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY SHA FENG HAS JUST CLAIMED THAT GRAIN PRODUCTION THIS YEAR WILL SURPASS THE 1973 LEVEL OF 250 MILLION TONS. GROWING CONDITIONS FOR THE IMPORTANT FALL CROP, WHICH IS NOW BEGINNING TO BE HARVESTED, HAVE BEEN GOOD AND MAY BE THE MAIN REASON FOR CHINESE OPTIMISM. IN ADDITION, ERRATIC WEATHER EARLY IN THE YEAR PROBABLY LED THE CHINESE TO OVERBUY GRAIN AT MIDYEAR, WHEN WHEAT PRICES APPEARED TO BE SOFTENING. E2 IMPDET-H

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